

DIALOG



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FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST



Greetings LPS Community,

It is with a reflective and grateful heart that I share a few words with you, as this unique school year draws to a close. As I reflect upon this year, I continue to feel the awe that was ever-present throughout each day, week, and month along this school year's journey.

We know that with crisis, such as a once-in-a-century global pandemic, we often seek out the very best in ourselves and in the people with whom we work, live, and learn alongside each day. We have, indeed, witnessed remarkable dedication and grit throughout these past months. Our students were amazing and truly did their very best to continue their studies while the world around them seemed to change with each passing day.

Our staff was equally determined and creative in providing new ways for our students to receive all of the things they

needed, including that extra bit of care. Our parents were right there with us, doing their part to ensure their students had the support and resources required to learn and grow. We made it through this year *together!*

I'm particularly excited to celebrate, in this special issue of the *Dialog*, our graduating seniors. Their educational path through LPS took several turns during the latter part of their junior year and throughout their senior year. They adapted; they were resilient, diligent, and positive, as evidenced by the many traditional celebrations that were revamped and executed with safety, fun, and a sense of togetherness at the heart. Our staff reimaged the traditional events such as prom, honors night, and commencement ceremonies to ensure they were meaningful for our seniors. We are so proud of these efforts... every event was carried out with such care and great spirit! We all celebrate these resilient young adults as they continue their journey along many different pathways. We are so very proud of each and every member of the Class of 2021!

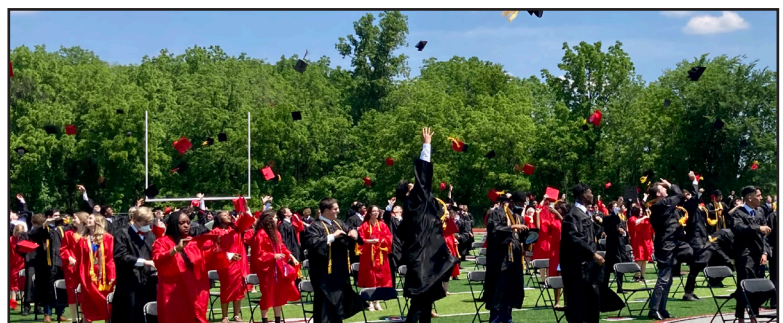
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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021!

Congratulations to the 1,100 graduates of Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson high schools! This year, 198 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.95 GPA and above); 107 graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94 GPA); and 137 graduated Cum Laude (3.5-3.74 GPA).

A large section of this edition of the *Dialog* is dedicated to the Class of 2021. We hope you enjoy reading about just a few of our many talented and accomplished students.

Class of 2021, you are Livonia Pride!



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

New families can begin the registration process online.

To begin the registration process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration and complete the online packet for the school(s) assigned to your address.

If you have any questions, or would like to find out which school your child will attend, please call (734) 744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE

- Visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration to begin the registration process as early as possible.
- Complete and submit the registration forms online. Forms are divided by grade level and assigned building. Please be sure to complete the correct form!
- You will be contacted within 10 days of submission to confirm that your forms have been received, and to schedule an appointment to present your required documentation.
- If you do not have access to a computer, we will have computers and printers available at registration sites for your use. **Appointments are required.**
- **You MUST present all required documentation in person to complete registration.**

To keep our staff and community healthy, we ask that families limit the number of people who attend registration appointments.

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration will be offered for K-6 students during the summer months at Stevenson High School in LMC 22, located at 33500 W Six Mile Rd. Follow the signs to door 48. **The office is available for scheduled appointments only.**

Summer Registration Information

July 12-September 2
Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

September 7-10:
Administration Building 15125 Farmington Rd.
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
CLOSED LABOR DAY

Beginning September 13, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 will be facilitated through the assigned school, beginning July 12. **Appointments are required.**

JULY 12-SEPTEMBER 2
MONDAY-THURSDAY,
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 7-10
MONDAY-FRIDAY,
7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
CLOSED LABOR DAY

Emerson Middle School
734-744-2665

Churchill High School
734-744-2650, ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
734-744-2670

Franklin High School
734-744-2655, ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
734-744-2675

Stevenson High School
734-744-2660, ext. 48913

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW FAMILIES

School tours for families new to the district will be offered at all K-4 schools. Tours will be held on the following dates:

Niji-Iro
Wednesday, August 4
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

All other K-4 schools
Tuesday, August 24
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child's assigned school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, please call 734-744-2541.



Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

- GSRP is a high quality, no cost, state-funded preschool program for children who are 4 years old by September 1.
- The program runs four full days per week from September to June, but registrations are accepted year-round. Please visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/GSRP to register. If you have any questions, please call 734-744-2715, ext. 17990, or email sroque@livoniapublicschools.org.

Specialized Early Childhood Programs

- Contact Patty Kozlowski at 734-744-2813, ext. 22902
- Early On developmental screenings for infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months; to request an early-on screening, call 1-800-EarlyOn.
- Preschool programs for children ages 2.5 to 5 years with special needs
- Early childhood programs for students with speech concerns

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTINUED

As we're already well into planning for next school year, I am pleased to report that our district budget, unanimously approved by the Board of Education on June 14, includes many additional supports to keep our district moving forward. The budget includes additional academic/learning supports, increased social/emotional personnel to support the mental well-being of our students, enhanced student engagement supports to keep our kids connected to their school community, and finally, district-wide resources, equipment, and instructional materials. It is a well-considered budget and one that I'm confident will keep our wheels of progress moving forward with great purpose and pride.

We are thrilled to be underway with the planning process for the 2021 bond issue, which will further enhance our learning spaces, create new and state of the art facilities, and keep our district on target with technology replacement and the updating of instructional materials. There are many important and impactful projects on the horizon over the next five to six years and we are so

grateful for the community's support of the bond issue! Throughout each year of implementation, we will present to the Board and share with the community a quarterly dashboard report which will provide detailed updates on the progress of the bond work, budget expenditures, and project updates.

On behalf of our Board of Education, we wish all of our LPS community a wonderful summer, with time to rejuvenate and find joy in the simple pleasures of the season. May you have the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends, carry out favorite traditions, and welcome new adventures this summer!

Grateful for you all,



Andrea Oquist

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thanks to your support of the 2021 bond proposal, Livonia Public Schools will be able to address the following areas:

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| ✓ Air Conditioning | ✓ School security enhancements | ✓ Collaboration spaces |
| ✓ Classroom furniture and equipment replacements | ✓ STEM curriculum expansion | ✓ Kitchen renovations |
| ✓ Technology upgrades | ✓ CTE program expansion | ✓ Robotics program expansion |
| ✓ Media center renovations | ✓ Athletic facility and playground upgrades | ✓ New Early Childhood Center |



To learn more, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/2021bond

Reconnect. Network. Give Back.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Sign up to receive email updates about the LPS Alumni community and opportunities to stay engaged:

<http://bit.ly/LPSAlumni>

The LPS Education Foundation is building the first-ever district-wide alumni association! Are you a graduate of Livonia Public Schools? If so, join the network of fellow grads at:
<http://bit.ly/LPSAlumni>



BE THE "I" IN KIND



LPS is a proud partner of the "Be the 'I' in KIND" campaign! If you would like to join this effort, you may purchase a lawn sign for a \$20 donation (cash or check made to: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church) at the UPS Store, at 37637 Five Mile, at Newburgh.

Teachers will be the recipients of Blessing Bags later this year, distributed through RGPC, with funds raised through the sign sales! Join the #BeKindLivonia movement today! Visit <https://livonia.gov/1884/Be-Kind-Livonia> for more information.



CLASS OF 2021



"I am extremely grateful to have spent the last 13 years enrolled in Livonia Public Schools. I have been met with compassionate and caring educators who put their students' growth first. LPS staff has cultivated an uplifting and adaptable learning environment, one able to fit the needs of all types of students. It is because of this school system that I have developed into the person I am today. Thank you, LPS, for giving me a comfortable space to explore my boundaries, and for pushing me to travel outside of them."

Isabella Lamacchia



"I have been a student in the Livonia Public Schools system for the past 13 years. LPS has been a great place to learn and go to school, and I have always been given what I need to succeed. I am so grateful for every teacher that has taught me over these years, along with every other staff member I have encountered, because they have all gone above and beyond to make me feel welcomed and to help me excel, while making school an enjoyable place."

Julia Ginter-Berriman

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Cross Country

- KLAA Division Champs
- MHSAA Pre Regional Champs

Girls Cross Country

- City Champs
- KLAA Division Champs
- MHSAA Pre Regional Champs

Football

- Livonia City Champs
- MHSAA District #1 Seed
- MHSAA District Champions
- MHSAA Elite Eight

Competitive Cheer

- Melvindale Inv. Champs
- MHSAA Regional Qualifier

Livonia Red Gymnastics

- KLAA Division Champs
- KLAA Conference Champs
- MHSAA Regional Runner Up
- MHSAA State Finalist

Pompon

- Mid American State Runner Up

Girls Track & Field

- City Champs
- KLAA Division Champs

Girls Unified Lacrosse

- KLAA Division Champs

Softball

- MHSAA District Champs

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Adam Mosely

Air Force

Katlyn Stanny

Army

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ Brightest and Best

Julia Gershon

James P. Carli Scholarship

Weston Sobas

LEA Scholarship

Mary-Kate Sweet

PTSA Outstanding Youth

Weston Sobas

National Merit Finalists

Neil Bhate

Julia Gershon

Yash Kulkarni

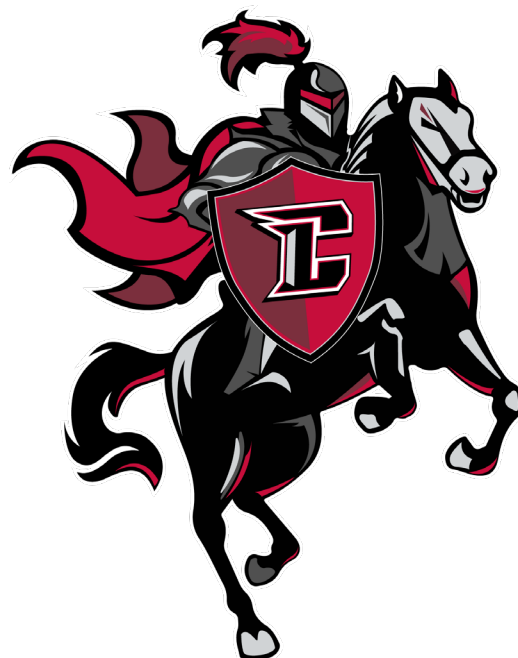
Christian Loveall

Yajvan Ravan

Pranhav Sundararajan

ACAT Alumni Scholarship

Noah Jasinkiewicz



CLASS OF 2021



"After attending Livonia Public Schools for 13 years I can say with certainty that it is an encouraging atmosphere. From the administration to my fellow classmates the energy is always exciting, welcoming, and all-around amazing. I couldn't have pictured myself anywhere else."

Dana English



"I have been a student in Livonia Public Schools for my whole life. LPS gave me the opportunity to get an amazing academic experience while also being able to participate in fantastic extracurricular activities. The environment of LPS allowed me to branch out and enjoy my education."

Peyton Welch

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

James P. Carli Scholarship
Landon Latham

LEA Scholarship
Cady Barterian

Brightest and Best
Peyton Welch

PTSA Service Scholarship
Isabelle Gramlich

McClain Scholarship
Cady Barterian

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Brandon Adamus
Army

Kamryn Dockery
Navy

Nick Mengel
Army

Ethan Reichle
Air Force

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Pom Pon

- Division 1: 5th Place

Wrestling

- City Champions
- KLAA Division Champions
- MHSAA District Champions

Gymnastics

- KLAA Division Champions
- KLAA Conference Champions

Boys Bowling

- City Champions
- KLAA Division Champions
- KLAA Conference Champions

Boys Track

- KLAA Division Champions

Girls Track

- KLAA Division Champions



STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2021



"Being a student at Stevenson, for me, has meant opportunity: the opportunity to learn in a positive environment with awesome teachers and staff who care. It has allowed me to make friendships and unforgettable memories, be a leader, work hard, and get involved in other aspects of our community. I will always be proud to be a Stevenson Spartan and I will never forget friends, teachers, and lessons."

James Patterson



"As my home for the last four years, Stevenson has provided me with countless opportunities to learn, grow, and prepare for the future. My teachers and coaches have inspired me to achieve more than I ever imagined, and the friends I've made along the way will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm so proud to be a Stevenson grad, and I'll forever cherish the memories I've made during my time here."

Cate Porter

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ-Brightest and Best

Kenneth Fuher

PTSA Founders' Day Honoree

Joanna Berriman

James P. Carli Scholarship
Cate Porter

National Merit Scholar Finalist
Kenneth Fuher

Jay W. Formsma Award
Cate Porter
James Patterson

Bob Massey Award
Cate Porter
Brad Osterhout

James F. Brieske Award
Cate Porter
Caden Woodall

Gabe Award
Hayden Skiver

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Andrew Bell-Lopez
Air Force

Tyler Davis
Air Force

Nathaniel Douglas
Army

Emma Dressing
Army

Anthony Ferracciolo
Coast Guard

Genesio Masciulli
Navy

Zane Peecher
Air Force Academy

Gabriel Redondo
Navy

Sophie Temko
Navy

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Cross Country

- KLAA East Co-Div. Champs

Girls Cross Country

- City Champs

Girls Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Volleyball

- City Champs

Boys Tennis

- Dearborn Crestwood Invite Champs
- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Golf

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Boys Soccer

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs
- KLAA Conf. Champs

Boys Basketball

- City Champs
- MHSAA District Champs

Hockey

- City Champs
- KLAA Division Champs

Gymnastics

- KLAA Div. Champs
- MHSAA Regional Champs

Girls Bowling

- City Champs

Competitive Cheer

- City Champs
- MHSAA Regional Qualifiers

Boys Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Pom Pon

- Mid-American State Qualifiers

Boys Track and Field

- City Champs

Girls Soccer

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Softball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Baseball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs
- KLAA Conf. Champs
- MHSAA District Champs

Livonia United Girls Lacrosse

- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Tennis

- City Champs

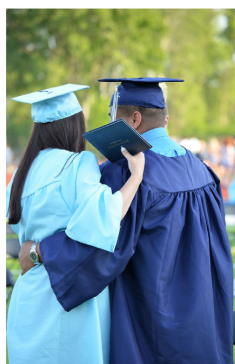
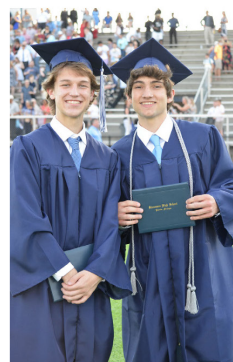
Boys Golf

- KLAA East Div. Champs
- State Qualifying Team



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

#LIVONIAPRIDE



PROGRAM RECOGNITIONS

MATH/SCIENCE/COMPUTER (MSC) PROGRAM GRADUATES



The Livonia Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program was founded in 1984 and is housed at Churchill High School. MSC is celebrating the conclusion of its 37th year. MSC graduates have completed a minimum of 23 semesters of coursework in mathematics, science, and computer science. The foundation of the MSC curriculum is the College Board Advanced Placement exams. Students apply for the MSC program during the fall of their 8th grade year, and selection is based on academic test scores, student essays, and teacher recommendations. The MSC program is open to students from all three LPS high school attendance areas. This year's MSC graduates will be attending 11 different universities in the fall, and most are majoring in fields such as medicine, public health, biology, computer science, engineering, or economics. These graduates were collectively awarded \$2.7 million in scholarships.

MSC CLASS OF 2021

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|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| • Alex Cory | • Noah Klan | • Joseph Miller |
| • Seth Darling | • Alan Kowalczyk | • Robert Quigley |
| • Julia Gershon | • Yash Kulkarni | • Yajvan Ravan |
| • Julia Ginter-Berriman | • Roger La Burdy | • Ramon Reyes |
| • Kush Gopu | • Christian Loveall | • Spencer Russell |
| • Luv Gopu | • Zachary Loveall | • Weston Sobas |
| • Noah | • Nathaniel Luyben | • Pranhav Sundararajan |
| • Jasinkiewicz | • Ethan Marshall | • Ethan Thompson |
| • Karthik Jonnalagadda | • Melissa Meadows | |

CONGRATS GRADS!

The following students graduated from the Center Program or the ASD Program at Churchill High School! Congratulations!

- Niko Glavas
- Blake Paull
- Jamil Farhat
- Christopher Zarek
- Liyah Johnson
- Joseph Kolpacke
- Sean Harvey
- Mario Argueta



WWSC STUDENTS REACH MILESTONE

For 19 Western Wayne Skill Center students, the morning of May 28, 2021 meant moving on to the next chapter in their lives. The WWSC program, housed at Garfield Community School, offers special education students ages 18-26 the life and job skills they need to transition to independent living. Each graduate received a Certificate of Completion during this very special ceremony.

Congratulations to each and every graduate of the WWSC program! Way to go!

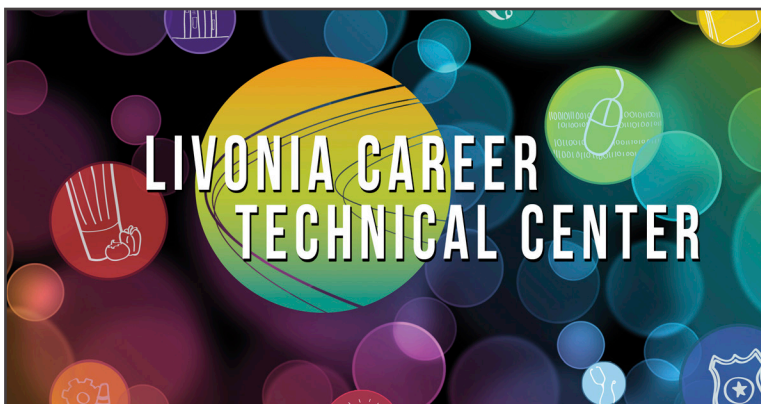
WWSC CLASS OF 2021

**Margaret B
Deon B.
Mitchell C.
Christine C.
Jordan C.
Andrew G.
Samantha G.
Wendell G.
Anthony G.
Sandy H.**

**Brandon J.
Dean J.
Memory L.
Lared L.
Emily M.
Marissa M.
Alexander P.
Tabatha T.
Noah T.**



CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AWARDS



The Livonia Career Technical Center offers career and technical training in all of the career pathways established by the Michigan Department of Career Development. LCTC honorees were selected based on their academic achievement in their LCTC program; their responsibility as it relates to attendance and completing all assignments with exceptional ability; their leadership skills as they relate to working with peers; and their interest in pursuing a career in the field they have selected.

The following students were honored in the 2020-21 school year:

Churchill

Chanel Alexander - Fashion Merchandising 2
Madison Johnson - Criminal Justice
Caitlyn Pilarski - Advanced Medicine
Jazmin Ross - Digital Illustration & Mobile Apps/Game Dev

Franklin

Natalie Allnassrallah - Advanced Medicine
Leah Barringer - Digital Illustration
Annabelle Macdonald - Fashion Merchandising 2
Hannah Moore - Criminal Justice
Nicholas Parisi - Hospitality Management 2

Stevenson

Lyric Bigger - Advanced Medicine
Grace Demers - Criminal Justice
Mason Gosselin - Digital Illustration
Eric Mianowski - Mobile Apps & Game Dev
Lindsey McRae - Pre Nursing/Pre Medicine

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM (CAPA)



The CAPA program builds the skills, passion, creativity, and supportive artistic community that performers need in order to continue their formal education in the creative arts. CAPA provides a safe, imaginative, and caring place for young people to land and learn. The program includes intense studies in the areas of acting, dance, and vocal music. For any questions, or to set up an audition for the program, please email capa@livoniapublicschools.org.

CAPA PROGRAM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2021

Fiona Johnston - Excellence in Acting
Jordyn Nesbitt - Excellence in Dance
Fiona Johnston - Excellence in Vocal
Fiona Johnston, Mia Teller -
Angie Hillman Memorial Scholarship
Fiona Johnston, Sarah Alfonsi -
Anna K. Bonde Scholarship



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SERVING THE COMMUNITY

WARM HEARTS

Stevenson High School's National Honor Society once again held a Fleece and Thank You event to benefit children at area hospitals.

A total of 124 blankets were made and donated!



FOOD DRIVE



Stevenson High School collected more than 5,000 cans and donated them to His Church Anglican, right next door to the school! The canned food drive for the church pantry was in conjunction with the school's Mr. Spartan. The winner collected donations to purchase cases of food for the pantry. Great partnership!

TO THE RESCUE



A special thanks to the Livonia Warriors Robotics Team 2832 for making mask bands for staff at Central Office! Using 3-D printers, the team made and donated 13,000 since spring of 2020, to first responders and organizers throughout the U.S.! Awesome job!

OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce recognized two LPS sisters for their incredible fundraising efforts to combat human trafficking. Charlotte & Brookly Howell were issued the Outstanding Youth Award during a special event at the Italian American Banquet Center in May. Congrats to these role model sisters and students of our district! You make us so proud!



THANK YOU FROM THE GOODFELLOWS

(This note was originally scheduled for the January 2021 issue)

This year has been a challenge for all of us, as we've had to adapt to the many changes in our lives. Goodfellows was no different. We were not able to have our usual food and toy drive this year, but we made an appeal to the people of Livonia to help us fill our need. And you did! As word got out, many of you made the effort to bring your donations to us. We've had individuals, families, groups, and businesses join in. Some of you even organized your own food and toy drives! Your response was wonderful, and allowed us once again to help our recipients at Christmas.

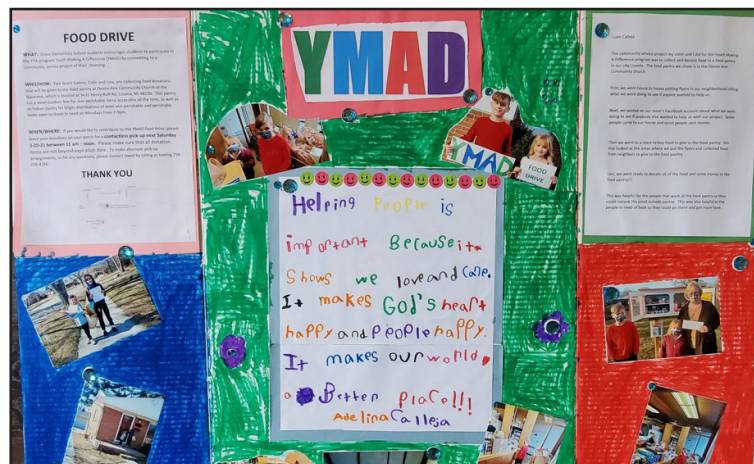
Thank you Churchill, Franklin, Riley, and Stevenson for going above and beyond! We also had some really terrific volunteers who worked hard to help make this happen. We also managed to have some fun along the way! Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Assistance Program a success. We look forward to Christmas 2021, and hope we can resume our normal food and toy drives, and work with all of you again.

SEE YOU THEN!

Sincerely,
Jim Hobart, Livonia Goodfellows

YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

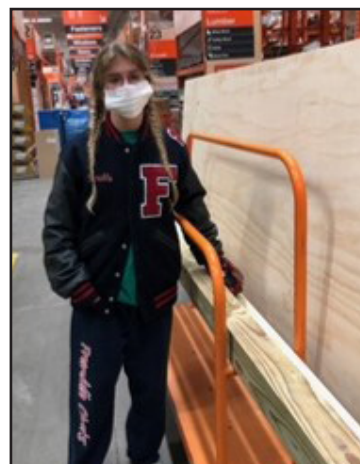
Every year, the Livonia PTSA Council hosts a Youth Making a Difference program for students who wish to donate their time and talents to benefit the community. Students across the district put their kind and creative hearts and minds to work on a wide array of service projects that include everything from homemade greeting cards for the elderly, to raking leaves and collecting funds for local charities. This is the definition of #LivoniaPride!



Adelina and Colin, from Grant Elementary, held a food drive for the Devon Aire Community Church food pantry!



Noelle, from Franklin High School, worked hard to build a Little Friend Lending Library and installed it in a senior adult neighborhood!



Carter, from Hayes Elementary, painted rocks and hid them at local parks in order to "make kids happy" when they found them!



Kourtney, from Riley Upper Elementary, made greeting cards for children who were spending time in the hospital!

Lillyanna, from Grant Elementary, raised money to purchase a lot of Girl Scout cookies for the essential workers at St. Mary Mercy Livonia!



Lillyanna raised \$144 to buy 36 boxes of cookies to donate to essential medical workers at St. Mary's!



Conor, from Buchanan Elementary, collected donations and money for the First Step Domestic Violence Shelter!

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

MERIT AWARD FOR FROST MUSIC

Frost Middle School was honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Way to go, Frost musicians and Director Michael Rais!



GREENLEAF AWARD

LPS was issued the Greenleaf Sustainability Award by the Livonia Greenleaf Commission for our environmentally conscious efforts that include purchasing 22 propane buses and revamping air handling and boiler units in the schools to reduce costs and our carbon footprint. Transportation Maintenance Fleet Supervisor Rick Martin accepted the award on behalf of the district at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Leadership & Awards celebration!



MICHIGAN COACH OF THE YEAR



Stevenson High School Hockey Coach David Mitchell was named the National Federation of State High School Association's Michigan Hockey Coach of the Year!

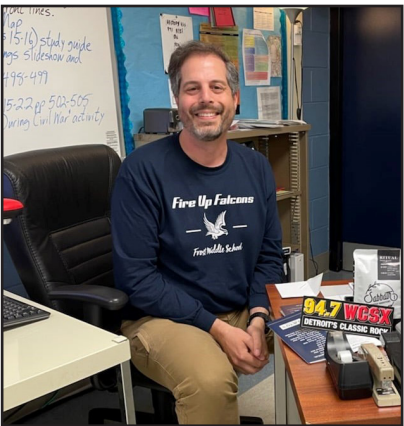
Congratulations, Coach Mitchell!

MRS. SKELLEY 'ROARS' INTO READING



Mrs. Haley Skelley, kindergarten teacher at Kennedy Elementary, was selected by the Michigan Learning Channel to record and teach lessons for young readers in kindergarten through a program called "Read, Write, ROAR!" This reading and English Language Arts program is produced in collaboration with literacy coaches statewide, and the educators at MAISA, Michigan's association of county Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and Regional Educational Service Agencies.

TEACHERS WHO ROCK!



Congrats to Frost Middle School teacher Dave Russo and Churchill High School teacher Julie Tafelski for being selected as "Teachers Who Rock" by WCSX radio station!

You Rock!



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Annabelle MacDonald (Franklin and LCTC), Eric Mianowski (Stevenson and LCTC), and Caitlyn Pilarski (Churchill and LCTC) for receiving the Rotary Club of Livonia's Vocational Service Award during this school year!

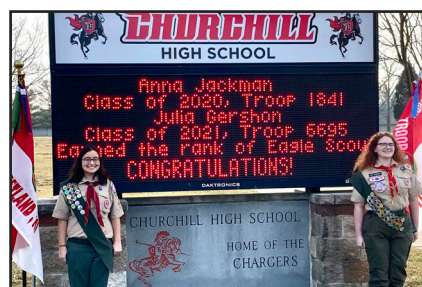
This award is based on four of the Rotary Vocational Service goals. These goals are:

1. A career development program including career planning and youth development.
2. The development of vocational awareness in our youth.
3. The building of character in the workplace through the concepts and ideals found in the Rotary Four-Way Test.
4. The recognizing of a community organization for its vocational training efforts.



Congratulations to the following Churchill students who made us aware of their highest accomplishment within the Boy Scouts of America organization, earning the rank of Eagle Scout:

Kip Dobar
Julia Gershon
Anna Jackman (class of 2020)
Jesse Saylor



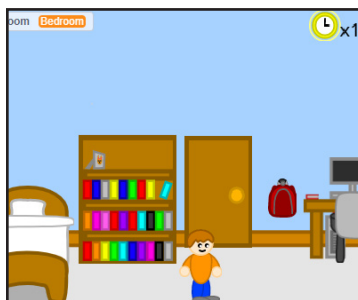
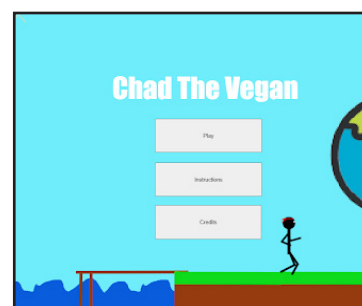
The Livonia Warriors FIRST Robotics team won the Chairman's Award at the District level, sending the team on to States! Congrats to: Captain Jack Wagner (Stevenson), Anthony Brunswick (Churchill) Melissa Barbat (Churchill) Rebecca Fitch (Franklin), Cora Rolfes (Stevenson), Katelyn Ruiter (Stevenson), JC Sidaway (Churchill) and Kathryn Tumavitch (Franklin). The presentation team consisting of Jack Wagner, Kathryn Tumavitch, and Melissa Barbat did a fantastic job in bringing it all to life for the judges!



Congratulations to the following Animation/Web Design and Game Design students who are finalists in the 2021 National Games For Change Student Challenge Competition. More than 1,000 submissions from students across the country were received, and five Livonia

Career Center students were selected as finalists!

- Sarah Alfonsi, for her game entitled: Seize the Day, Slay the Dragon
- Jazmin Ross, for her game entitled: Solitude
- Michael Ledbetter and Dylan Diaz, for their game entitled Chad the Vegan
- Eric Mianowski, for his game entitled Pierre's Pandemic Perseverance
- Shaqir Gjoka, for his game entitled Endangered Animals



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE STAFF MEMBER!

The district is excited to open the nominations for our Educator of the Year and Support Staff of the Year program for the 2021-2022 school year!

This recognition program provides parents, students, and staff with the opportunity to nominate individuals for Educator of the Year and Support Staff of the Year.

Who is eligible for Educator of the Year?

Roles such as: teachers, school social workers, elementary support teachers, student assistance providers, and preschool teachers.

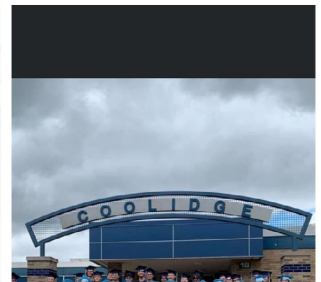
Who is eligible for Support Staff of the Year?

Individuals who serve in support roles such as secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, food service staff, transportation staff, etc.

Submit your nomination at livoniapublicschools.org/ESOY. All nominations must be submitted by the end of the day on July 31, 2021. Nominees will be notified at the start of the new school year.

Thank you for your participation in our employee recognition program!

celebrating our grads



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The mission of the LPS Education Foundation is to enlarge the resources available to the school district, which will foster and expand educational opportunities for programs impacting students by building effective collaborations.

FOUNDATION RAISES FUNDS TO SUPPORT LPS STUDENTS WITH VIRTUAL LEARNING

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the LPS Education Foundation knew it had to step in to help support students and staff through the abrupt transition to virtual learning. In short order, the Bridging the Gap program was created.



The first initiative in the spring of 2020 allowed for the purchase of 80 hot spots for students. With that success, the Foundation decided to launch a second round, with the expanded goal of purchasing Chromebooks and laptops, as well as more internet hot spots. The Foundation contributed \$20,000, and solicited \$15,624.87 in donations from the community. The district was grateful to receive the check from the Foundation, totaling \$35,624.87.

COMPETITIVE EDGE UPDATE

LPS graduates from 2020 and 2021 who are enrolled in the LPS Education Foundation Competitive Edge Program are now eligible to apply for the money that has been saved for them since their kindergarten registration into this program. Qualifying graduates from 2020 will receive a check for \$220, and qualifying seniors from 2021 will receive a check for \$245.

Letters of acceptance from the college, university, or trade school should be submitted by December 31, 2021 by mail to 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154, or emailed to lpfoundation@livoniaschools.org. Current kindergarten students can be registered in the program until June 30, 2021. Registration forms may be found online at lpfoundation.org

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